



CIVIL AIR PATROL

JERSEY CITY COMPOSITE SQUADRON – NJ112

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Jersey City, NJ —

Jersey City Cadet Promoted to Cadet Captain

May 17, 2010 – Cadet Captain Vanessa Gonzalez of Jersey City, NJ, of the Jersey City Composite Squadron received her new rank and the Amelia Earhart award at a recent ceremony held at the County Prep High School.

The day marked a milestone in the squadron as C/Capt. Gonzalez is the first Jersey City cadet to receive the Amelia Earhart award. Special guest Shannon Osborne, a member of the North Jersey Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, the International Organization of Women Pilots, was on hand to present Gonzalez with the award. Osborne went on to give the squadron insight on the Ninety-Nines, how the organization has helped her, and information about scholarships available to those learning to fly.

Gonzalez is a senior at Liberty High School in Jersey City where she is a member of the fit, mosaic, drum and dance clubs. She also serves on the fund-raising committee and is the vice president for her senior class. After graduation, she will attend County College of Morris to study Aviation Flight Technology.

Cadet Gonzalez has been a member of CAP since November 2004. This summer, she will be attending Honor Guard Academy in Maryland for her third consecutive year. She also hopes increase her leadership and management skills by attending Region Cadet Leadership School in August.

Outside of school and CAP, Gonzalez is taking flying lessons towards her private pilot certificate. She already has thirty five flight hours and is preparing for her first solo flight.

Teens and adults interested in joining the Civil Air Patrol can visit www.njwgcap.org, which provides a map of New Jersey squadron meeting locations. Find more information about the Jersey City Composite Squadron on the unit website at <http://jerseycity.njwg.cap.gov/>.

The Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 58,000 members nationwide. CAP performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination



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Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 91 lives in fiscal year 2008. Its volunteers also perform homeland security and disaster relief missions at the request of

federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the more than 23,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 68 years.

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